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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) | |
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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR98/01437 | | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE July 6, 1998 | | PRIORITY DATES CLAIMED: July 7, 1997 | |
| TITLE OF INVENTION - see attached pages - | | | | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US - see attached pages - | | | | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). | | | | | |

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Re: International Application PCT/FR98/01437 filed July 6, 1998
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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMATTING A DIGITAL
AUDIO SIGNAL TO BE USED FOR SOUND REPRODUCTION

Sir:

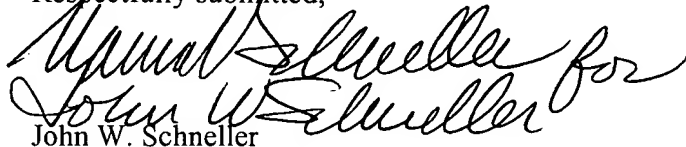
Submitted herewith, as the first submission, are the following for the purposes of entering the national stage for the USA under 35 U.S.C. 371(c), **immediate national examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) being requested.**

- International application PCT/FR98/01437 published as WO 99/03303 with English-language international search report issued by the European Patent Office;
- English-language translation of the international application;
- Preliminary Amendment to eliminate multiple claim dependency;
- Copy of the front page of the Publication document;
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449; and
- Filing fee of \$840.00.

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